



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

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January 29th & 30th 2022

Masses

Saturday, 29th	7:30 pm	Private Intention	
Sunday, 30th	11:00 am	People of the Parish Community	
Monday 31st	7:00 pm*	Kate and Pat Lavelle	Coolkeevane
Tuesday, 1st	7:00 pm*	St. Bridget's Day	
Wednesday, 2nd	10:00 am	Candlemas Day	
Thursday, 3rd	10:00 am	Feast of St. Blaise	
Friday, 4th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Saturday, 5th	12:00 pm	Peter Murphy (Month's Mind)	Ummoon
	7:30 pm	Bridget Cogger (8th Anniversary)	Straide
Sunday, 6th	11:00 am	People of the Parish Community	



We remember in our prayers – the soul of Nora McLoughlin N.T. (nee Howley) of Knock and formerly, of Salthill, Galway and Gurteens, Straide who died recently. Nora taught for a time in Straide N.S. May her soul Rest in Peace.

***Please note** - the later time of Mass on Monday and Tuesday of this week - at 7.00 pm.

School Enrolment – for Ss. Peter & Paul N.S. is now taking place for the school year 2022 / 2023. Please contact the school for more information and further details - (094) 9031267.

Easing of Covid Restrictions – The government / HSE have advised that restrictions on indoor religious services can now be eased further. From the weekend of January 29th / 30th, the following will apply for the time being:

1. Restrictions on the numbers allowed to gather indoors are no longer in place as social distancing is not now required. Thus, every second pew will no longer be cordoned off. Please continue to respect those who may wish to continue to social distance - i.e., please do not sit in a seat that is, already, comfortably full.
2. Face covering must continue to be worn in Church.
3. Holy Communion must continue to be received on the hand. No handshaking for *Sign of Peace* or at funerals.
4. Hands should be sanitised upon entering and leaving the Church.
5. People involved in various ministries can now return: Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers and Choirs.

Many thanks for your co-operation over the past months. Your actions have kept yourself (and others) safe & healthy. Please continue to observe the guidelines. Do not let your guard slip.

St. Brigid's Crosses – anyone who makes St. Brigid's Crosses at home can bring them to Church on St. Brigid's Day on Tuesday, February 1st in order to have them blessed.

Candlemas Day – is on Wednesday, February 2nd. Candles for use in the home and in the Church will be blessed during the 10.00 am Mass that day. Thanks to all who donate candles for use in the Church each year.

Feast of St. Blaise – takes place on Thursday, February 3rd. The traditional blessing of throats will take place on that day as well as after the weekend Masses of the following weekend (Saturday evening February 5th & Sunday morning February 6th) for those who wish to remain behind to receive that blessing.

Reading the Bible: How to make sense of it - A series of four sessions on how to read the Bible today: No charge. Presenter: Fr Eugene Duffy. Venue: The Gateway Hotel, Swinford. Dates: Tuesdays, Feb 15th, 22nd, March 1st and 8th. Time: 8.00 to 10.00 pm. Light refreshments will be provided. If you have a bible bring it with you on the night.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People – ALONE Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Rosters for February 2022

Ministers of the Word:	Feb:	Saturday Evening:	Maire Mulroy & Danielle Bourke
		Sunday Morning:	Carmel Murphy & Tom Fahy
Prayers of the Faithful:	Feb:	Saturday Evening:	Maire Mulroy
		Sunday Morning:	Carmel Murphy
Offertory Collectors:	Feb:	Saturday Evening:	Marian McHale & Hugh Rainey
		Sunday Morning:	Michael McNicholas & Geraldine Hynes
Altar Society:	Feb:	Eileen Doherty, Marian Walsh & Una McGreal	



Readers can pick up readings from altar rails from February 1st

Church Painting – Thanks to all who oversaw the painting of the Church earlier this month and to those who helped choose colours. We trust the new colour scheme is agreeable to all.

Donations to all collections - can be made securely and conveniently online at www.straideparish.com.

Many thanks - to all who use this facility and to all who contribute to, and support, the running costs of the church.

Please - let Fr. Martin know if you wish to be included on his monthly visitation list - when it's safe to resume.

Thought: I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish he wouldn't trust me so much (Mother Theresa).

Newsletter: Items for inclusion to be handed into the Parochial House by 12pm on Thursday or email pp@straideparish.com.

Bereavement Support Group at Knock Shrine - Life after a family bereavement can feel very lonely. Sometimes spending time with others who know the experience can be helpful. A *Bereavement Support Group* meets every Wed at 11am at the Family Centre, Knock. All are welcome. More information from Monica Morley Knock 094-9375320.

The HSE Living Well Programme - The HSE are running a health programme free of charge for people living with a long term health condition (mental & physical). This programme helps people develop the skills and confidence to live a healthy and happy life. For more information or to book your place please contact Olga on 086 6078950, or email olga.maguire@mayocil.ie or visit www.hse.ie/livingwell.

Accord Counselling - Challenging times can be rough on relationships. When it comes to protecting your most precious investment (your marriage), talk to ACCORD. Our services, based on your needs, not your ability to pay, can help you get the most from your marriage. Morning and evening appointments are available. Office hours are from 10 am to 1pm Monday to Friday, contact (094) 92 54944 or email accordcharlestown@gmail.com.



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Covid-19 Collect and Deliver Service - Local Link Mayo is offering a collect and deliver service in existing Local Link routes throughout Mayo from pharmacies and local shops, delivering shopping and critical medical supplies to the elderly, the vulnerable and sick. If you need such support or know someone who does, contact Local Link Mayo on 094-9005150 between 9:00am and 5:00pm (Monday - Friday) or email mayo@locallink.ie.

Knock Counselling Service – available at (094) 93 75032 or log on to www.knockshrine.ie/counselling.

IF YOU NEED HELP

Many parishioners have volunteered to help those who may not be able to shop, collect medicines, go to the Post Office etc. during this Coronavirus outbreak. If, at any time, you need help with these chores call me on (094) 9031029 and I will liaise with the many volunteers within the community who are very happy to help out. Keep safe, keep healthy and, at all times, follow HSE / Government guidelines. Say a prayer, too, for all who have caught the virus and for all medical staff, carers and volunteers who are working so extremely hard at this time.

St. Vincent de Paul (Foxford) – can provide help for those in Straide who may be in need of food or fuel. Contact (085) 8887777

CCTV – operates 24 / 7 within the Church and in the Church car park. The parish policy concerning CCTV can be found on the parish website (www.straideparish.com) – as can all parish policies.

Pope Francis Prayer of Protection Against Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Human Race, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test -

– and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.